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Alaska Agriculture Innovation Grant Review Criteria

The following criteria will be used to evaluate the Alaska Agriculture Innovative Grant proposals:

1. Application: Please refer to the sample application provided on our website under the Innovation Grant section. Is your proposal well-written and clear? Have you clearly outlined your goals and objectives, and demonstrated how you will meet each goal and objective? (15 points)
2. Budget: Please use the budget worksheet provided by the Division or follow the example provided closely. The budget will be evaluated on how clearly it defines how the funds will be used and if it indicates your clear understanding that this grant will only cover up to 50% of the costs, excluding shipping and labor. (10 points)
3. Presentation: How will you present the information gathered from your project? Are you prepared to host a farm tour that is open to the public or present the project results at a farm conference? (15 points)
4. Innovation: How is your project innovative to Alaska? What specialty crops are involved? What are the expected results of this project? (25 points)
5. Evaluation Methods: How will the goals and objectives of the proposal be evaluated, i.e. a control will be used, different test plots will be set up, etc. (25 points)
6. Previous Projects: The proposal will be evaluated by previous projects completed by the applicant/business applying. If projects were late, incomplete, or did not meet the objectives set forth in the project, this will affect the evaluation of the current proposal. If you have not been previously awarded a grant with the Division of Agriculture, you will not be penalized and will be granted 10 points automatically. If you previously had an incomplete project, a 0 will be granted. (10 points)

Total Points Possible = 100

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